

About the 2006 Road Atlas

For over forty years, Pierce County employees have used a County Atlas that had changed very little in basic format and organization. The atlas retained its 15" x 17" format and its pagination/indexing system for this time period. The document's longevity shows that it had effectively served its primary purpose and role, to provide the location and certain characteristics of County maintained roadways.

This Pierce County Roadway Atlas's primary goal is to show the network of County maintained roadways and in doing so, show various features important to certain County agencies such as water courses, bridges, and range/township boundaries. This Atlas has clearer line quality and more accurate registration from section to section than its "predecessor". But its real strengths are difficult to view through the paper map. This atlas has the following characteristics that cannot be replicated by its predecessor:

- **Electronically viewable and printable**

This atlas is not only a paper map but it may be viewed and printed electronically.

- **Seamless**

The past practice in making an area map often involved "cutting and pasting" portions of individual map pages. This atlas would ultimately allow the electronic viewing and printing of portions of the County on single sheets of paper without the splicing of paper.

- **Updatable**

This atlas's individual pages can be revised through time without having to discard the entire document. This feature is particularly appropriate given the proposed and pending incorporations and annexations affecting the jurisdictional boundaries.

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